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AMENDMENT B

Dear Examiner:

This amendment responds to the Office action mailed August 29, 2003 for the subject application, in which Claims 1-4, 7-18 and 27-32 were rejected; Claims 23-26 were indicated as being withdrawn; and Claims 5-6 and 19-22 were objected to.

By way of the present amendment, Claims 1, 6, 16, 20 and 27 have been amended, Claims 2-5 and 17-19 have been canceled, and new claims 33-37 have been added. Thirty claims remain pending in the application, Claims 1, 6-16, and 20-37, of which Claims 1, 16, 27, 33 and 36 are independent.

A fee in the amount of \$ 172.00 under 37 CFR 1.16(b) [Fee Code 1201] is submitted herewith for two new additional independent claims not previously paid for. An extension fee in the amount of \$950.00 under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(2) [Fee Code 1252] is also submitted herewith for submitting a response within the second month of a shortened statutory period.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

Reconsideration of the above-identified application, in view of the amendments and remarks below is respectfully requested.

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